

Gladys Hampton Houses, named for his late wife. To this day, those projects are considered among the best in the Nation.

The Lionel Hampton Community Development Corp. has built more than 500 low- and moderate-income apartments in my congressional district of Harlem alone.

Lionel Hampton holds more than 15 honorary doctorates and received the gold medal of Paris, its highest cultural award, from its mayor, Jacques Chirac.

He was appointed to the board of trustees of the Kennedy Center in 1991 by President George Bush, and in December 1992, he was awarded a prestigious Kennedy Center honor for his lifetime career achievements as a musician and teacher. Since then, he continues to produce educational events and considers the real highlight of his career as having the music school at the University of Idaho named for him, the Lionel Hampton School of Jazz.

Whether you are black or white, Democratic or Republican, liberal or conservative, Lionel Hampton represents the very best of America.

#### TRIBUTE TO RUTH VARNADO

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 1995*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute today to Ruth Varnado of my hometown of Milwaukee. Her many years of community service and dedication to making a difference in the lives of people are truly deserving of our appreciation and praise.

Ruth was raised in Jasper, AL where she completed her high school education. During her young adult years, she moved to Milwaukee to further her education.

We all know that Jasper, AL is a long way from Milwaukee. But I am very grateful that Ruth made the journey. Her years of community service span more than three decades, and the people of our community have benefited from her tireless service, dedication, and hard work.

Ruth has been a leader of efforts to save people from the ravages of guns, drugs, violence, and crime. Recognizing the importance of reaching out to people in despair, Ruth founded the Lincoln Park Community Center in 1989 and still serves as its director. Through her work at the center, she has helped to expand opportunities for people who have often felt hopeless. And she has helped to instill in them the values they need to succeed and endure in this society.

Ruth's efforts to reach out to inmates in penal institutions for insight into the root causes of crime have caught the attention of local, State, and national leaders including the President of the United States. For the first time in Wisconsin history, inmates nominated Ruth for a volunteer award sponsored by J.C. Penney, the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee, and WTMJ-TV Channel 4.

Ruth's civic involvement and her countless contributions have earned her many other acclamations and awards. In 1991, she was named Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers.

"Boundless energy", "fearless", "determined", "compassionate" and "tough" are

terms the Milwaukee Times newspaper used to describe Ruth when she was honored as the 1990 Woman of the Year.

Just as significant as all of the Ruth's achievements is the spirit of community service she represents. Her willingness to help individual community members of our society as a whole is what makes her especially deserving of our recognition and praise.

The spirit of service she actively portrays is something we see far too little of in this society. And we all would do well to follow the shining example that Ruth has given us.

I know that Ruth will continue to play an important role in our community for decades to come, and that America will continue to benefit from her dedication, service and hard work.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting Ruth Varnado and in applauding this remarkable citizen for all she has done, and for all she has meant, to those of us whose lives she has touched.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES "KEN" ZISA

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 1995*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I address my colleagues today to extend my heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to Charles "Ken" Zisa. On December 18, 1995, Ken will be inaugurated as chief of police of the city of Hackensack, NJ.

For many years, the name "Ken Zisa" has been synonymous with a tradition of community service, dedication, and love of the city of Hackensack. Chief Zisa has dedicated his professional life to his career in law enforcement. He joined the force in 1975, was promoted to sergeant in 1983, lieutenant in 1989, and captain in 1993.

Chief Zisa is a man of the utmost integrity who cares about his neighbors, his community, and his country. He is a man of vision who will continue to make the city of Hackensack proud of their police department.

Ken has been a member of HAPADA, the Bergen County Youth Services Commission, PBA Local #9, Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 747, B.P.O.E. Lodge 658, and Hackensack UNICO. Ken and his wife, Mary, reside in Hackensack and have two children, Anthony and Kristen, who attend the Hackensack public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my best wishes to Chief Charles K. Zisa on this most special occasion.

#### SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 13, 1995*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, on December 6, 1995, the House passed the conference report on H.R. 1058, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. I am disappointed that the House approved this legislation. Many experts predict that it will only marginally deter

frivolous lawsuits while causing significant harm to investors with meritorious claims.

By this time next week, President Clinton will have had to veto the bill or sign it. At this point, I would like to submit for the RECORD two articles that point out the serious flaws in this bill and why it should be vetoed.

[From the Bond Buyer, Dec. 5, 1995]

#### CALIFORNIA COUNTIES ASK CLINTON TO VETO SECURITIES BILL

(By Joe Bel Bruno)

LOS ANGELES.—The California State Association of Counties on Friday elected a new president—San Mateo County supervisor Mike Nevin—whose first action was sending a letter to President Clinton opposing the Securities Litigation Reform Act.

CSAC, a nonprofit corporation that promotes the interests of California's 58 counties before the state legislature and Congress, contends the reform act will severely hinder local governments' ability to recover losses related to securities fraud.

"We need to have the ability to recover losses in the case of securities fraud," Nevin said yesterday. "We just wanted to let the President know that this bill, if he signs it, would make things tough on local governments and the taxpayers. It would be sending the wrong message."

The letter to Clinton was signed by 106 county and other local government officials.

In addition to CSAC, signers of the letter include the California Association of County Treasurer/Tax Collectors, the city and county of San Francisco and the counties of Sacramento, San Diego, San Mateo, Riverside, Alameda, Kern, and Fresno. The letter was also signed by administrators of several county retirement systems.

A House-Senate conference committee has cleared the way for final congressional action on the bill. The Senate and House are slated to vote on it on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6. As currently worded, the bill would limit the type of securities-related lawsuit that could be filed, as well as the dollar amount of damages requested.

Steve Szalay, executive director of CSAC, said the legislation would have a dramatic impact on local governments. The legislation was a much-discussed topic at the association's 101st annual meeting in San Jose last week, he said.

"Local governments are victims of securities fraud; they need access to the courts to recover their losses," he said in a press statement. "Orange County, on behalf of 187 independent California governments, is suing to recover about \$1.5 billion on the grounds that the investments made on its behalf were unsuitable and violated the California constitution and statutes."

"This bill makes it very difficult for local governments and taxpayers to recover their losses in securities fraud cases, and it will give wrongdoers a green light to commit more fraud," Szalay said.

The letter was drafted and signed by the association's new board on Friday. Also elected to the association's board was Yolo County supervisor Helen Thomson, first vice president; and El Dorado County supervisor John Upton, second vice president.

Nevin represents urban counties, while Thomson and Upton represent suburban and rural counties, respectively. One of the association's goals is educating the public about the value and need for county programs and services. Founded in 1895, CSAC is headquartered in Sacramento and has a research office in the District of Columbia.